

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF MID DAY MEAL SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding enrolment of children at the elementary level after the introduction of mid day meals scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which mid day meals scheme has helped to improve the quality of education and the health of students; and
- (d) the percentage of drop out rate come down after the implementation of said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): In view of (a) above, does not arise.
- (c): Various evaluation reports indicate that the Scheme has made favourable impact in improving participation of girls and children belonging to lower income groups. Since the Scheme is on nutrition intervention factoring in calorific and protein intake, it will have positive impact on health status of children. A nationwide evaluation of the Scheme by the Planning Commission is under process.
- (d): The Mid-Day Meal Scheme, inter-alia, covers in Govt. and Govt.-aided schools at Primary stage where the drop-out rate has declined from 39% in 2001-02 to 31.50% in 2003-04.